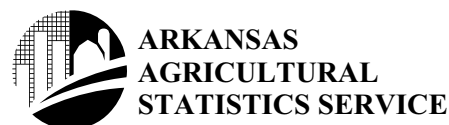


ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 8 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

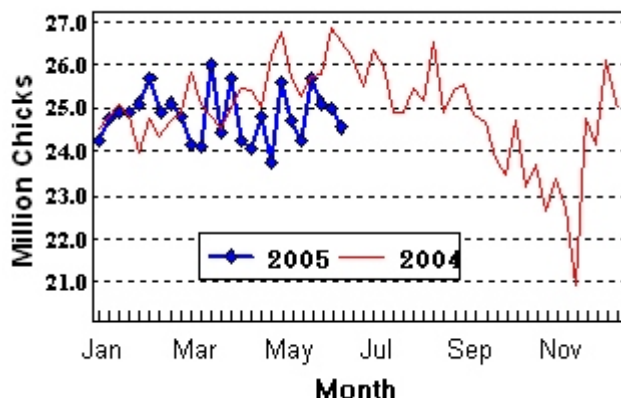
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 24.6 million during the week ending June 18, 2005. Placements were down 8 percent from the comparable week in 2004, and down 2 percent from the revised previous week, and included 2.6 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through June 18, 2005 were 620.9 million, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 26.3 million, down 1 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but up 1 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 4.0 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83.2 percent.

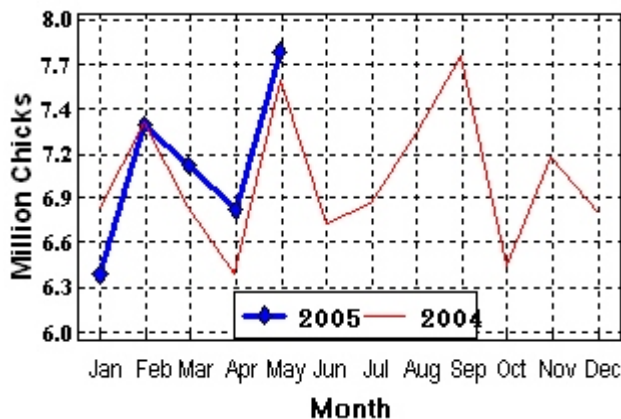
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 31.4 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending June 18, 2005, down 1 percent from the same period last year, but up fractionally from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **UNITED STATES** placed 7.8 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during May 2005, up 3 percent from May 2004.

ARKANSAS BROILER CHICK PLACEMENTS
BY WEEK, 2004- 2005



U.S. BROILER-TYPE PULLET CHICKS PLACED
FOR DOMESTIC HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS



NET PLACEMENTS IN ARKANSAS

Week Ending	Year		% Change
	2004	2005	
	1,000		
May 14	25,691	24,734	96
May 21	25,239	24,280	96
May 28	25,726	25,717	100
Jun. 4	25,792	25,093	97
Jun. 11	26,808	25,012	93
Jun. 18	26,556	24,552	92

U.S. PULLET CHICKS PLACED

Month	Year		% Change
	2003-2004	2004-2005	
	1,000		
Dec.	6,978	6,772	97
Jan.	6,811	6,409	94
Feb.	7,340	7,325	100
Mar.	6,815	7,077	104
Apr.	6,402	6,800	106
May	7,590	7,783	103

BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2005

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	28-May	04-Jun	11-Jun	18-Jun		14-May	21-May	28-May	04-Jun	11-Jun	18-Jun	
Alabama	31,661	31,750	31,786	31,240	102	21,391	21,818	21,786	21,668	22,017	22,158	109
ARKANSAS	31,587	31,505	31,343	31,354	99	24,734	24,280	25,717	25,093	25,012 *	24,552	92
Delaware	4,091	4,039	4,110	4,136	105	6,457	5,975	5,721	5,693	5,708 *	6,136	130
Florida	1,393 *	1,374	1,382	1,394	101	1,471	1,249	1,526	1,528	1,442	1,536	96
Georgia	33,619	33,650	33,397 *	33,499	100	28,182	26,904	28,208	27,753	27,652 *	26,911	100
Kentucky	6,922	6,981	7,090	7,070	102	5,993	5,771	6,375	6,335	6,102	6,090	98
Louisiana	4,105	4,104	4,105	4,105	105	4,309	3,838	4,197	4,093	3,800	4,134	106
Maryland	8,991	9,013	8,996 *	9,009	100	4,808	5,761	5,184	5,058	5,395 *	4,877	78
Mississippi	18,849	18,948	19,069	19,178	97	16,964	17,055	17,169	17,041	17,033	17,160	98
N. Carolina	18,410 *	18,520	18,992	18,057	96	15,268	15,073	15,604	15,589	15,594	15,311	102
Oldahom	6,587	6,526	6,412 *	6,708	98	5,464	5,429	4,356	4,921	4,939 *	4,998	117
Pennsylvania	3,973	4,036 *	4,059 *	4,023	102	3,067	3,089	3,169	3,017 *	3,054 *	2,942	126
S. Carolina	5,060	5,232	5,053	5,175	136	4,387	4,734	3,299	4,148	3,996	4,927	116
Texas	15,379	15,389	15,396	15,422	101	13,136	13,057	13,053	13,018	12,904	12,937	99
Virginia	6,621	6,512	6,358	6,558	97	5,407	5,683	5,271	4,782	5,466 *	5,441	101
CA,MO,IN,WV	18,277 *	18,241	18,251 *	18,200	103	17,147 *	17,403 *	16,707 *	16,998 *	17,464 *	17,455	102
Total 2005	215,525 *	215,820 *	215,799 *	215,128		178,185 *	177,119 *	177,342 *	176,735 *	177,578 *	177,565	
Total 2004	212,907	212,431	214,186	214,006		175,431	175,320	175,708	176,393	177,930	175,598	
%Prev. Year	101	102	101	101		102	101	101	100	100	101	
Approximate Marketing Date 2005.....						02-Jul	09-Jul	16-Jul	23-Jul	30-Jul	06-Aug	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 215 million eggs during the week ending June 18, 2005. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 178 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 18, 2005. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through June 18, 2005 were 4.23 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.